

Minutes of Meeting  
Health Services Council  
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 15 January 2008 TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room C  
Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Committee-I: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, John W. Flynn, Amy Lapierre, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Robert J. Quigley, D.C. (Chair), Larry Ross

Not Present: Joseph Centofanti, M.D., Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside

Excused: Robert Kinder, MD

Committee-II: Present: Sen. Catherine Graziano, R.N., Ph.D.

Staff: Valentina Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Robert Marshall, PhD., Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

**1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms, and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability**

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of 25 September 2007 Project Review Committee-I meeting were adopted as submitted. The Chair requested a motion for the extension of the time for availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the timeframe provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Lapierre, Madden, Quigley, Ross.

**2. General Order of Business**

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Kent County Memorial Hospital** [Care New England Health System] to establish a primary angioplasty program to service patients with acute myocardial infarction. Staff noted that the applicant provided responses to the follow up questions.

The applicant reviewed responses to the follow up questions and answered Committee's questions. Staff inquired about and it was requested that the applicant provide copies of protocols in place for the transport plan. Mr. Ross inquired why the Sturdy Memorial Hospital model had not been pursued considering that Kent Hospital is closer than Sturdy to Rhode Island Hospital. He also noted that 60% of the patients are projected to present themselves during off-hours. The applicant noted the C-Port study and Kent's size and projected volume. The applicant stated whenever there is a transfer involved there is a delay in treatment.

Sen. Graziano inquired how many of the projected PCI patients would be first timers. The applicant estimated that for most of these patients it would be their first PCI.

The applicant read a statement regarding the application and its consistency with 'Mission: Lifeline'. The Chair requested that the applicant provide a copy of the statement.

Ms. Lapierre noted the financial position of the hospital (\$9 million loss) and its ability to support the proposal. The applicant stated that for FY 2008 the hospital is projecting a loss of only \$1.5 million. And as of November the hospital is ahead of the budget. The resources are already in place and this proposal would not be a financial drain on the hospital. This is an affordable proposal that would address community need.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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